



Lakewood Leader

Lakewood United Methodist Church – 2443 Abrams Road – Dallas, TX 75214

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Words From Our Pastor...

I love this time of the Christian year. Lent has always been meaningful and exciting for me. The promise of the resurrection hangs at the end of a season of preparation which is quieter than Advent, more holy. As a child, Lent was still cold. In Ohio, signs of spring did not usually come this early. We had to imagine flowers springing forth and trees in bloom. Pretty Easter clothes were covered up with winter coats. Still, I loved the deep purple banners hanging at the entrance of the church and the smell of the lavender covering the altar. We were supposed to think about our faith, about God and what we ought to be doing for God. Even as a child I knew this included me. I needed to think. I needed to be changed by what God did and said. Some parts of church were for the grown-ups, but not Lent.

I still love this time of holy preparation. As a pastor I know what a transformative time it can be. Texas makes it easier – daffodils are blooming already and some trees too! I do not have to imagine the signs of spring that remind us all that God is always doing a new thing. I still need to think about what God is doing in this world and in us. I still need to hear what God is saying now. I still need to be looking for the resurrection. I invite you to join this holy time of doing something different. Opening our eyes and our hearts to the amazing power of God is the serious business of Lent.

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**Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, March 5
7 p.m.**



David Robertson – 03/04
 Gail Baldwin – 03/05
 Tommy Finch – 03/05
 Tommy Robbins – 03/12
 Jo Ann Biggs – 03/19
 Betty Watson – 03/20
 Josh Neuroth – 03/28
 Jennifer McLaughlin – 03/29

If we have missed a birthday, please call the Church office so we can get it added to our records.

MEETINGS SCHEDULED IN MARCH

Foundation – Sunday, March 2, at 11:30 a.m.

Game Night – Friday, March 14, from 7 – 10 p.m.

Trustees – Monday, March 17, at 6 p.m.

Church Council – Monday, March 17, at 7 p.m.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Tuesday, March 11

Wesleyan Guild
 Potluck Dinner at 6:30 p.m.
 with the meeting at 7 p.m.

Equal Exchange/Fair Trade coffee, teas and chocolates will be available for sale after church by the Library on March 9.



Marie Miranda, William Rothe, Carly Rutledge, Wanda Godfrey, Michael Miranda, Eric Galvan, Kyle Callender, Mary Ann Macsisak, Betty Spears, Liz Brockman, Glenn Weimer, Ian and Eliot Champlin, Elizabeth and Robin Robbins, Gladys Cherry, and Brian Medlin.



BIKE RIDE PLANNED

Like to ride bikes? Want to take a ride with a group? Dick Lewis is planning a bike ride around White Rock Lake for anyone who wishes to participate. The ride will take place on Sunday, March 23, after church. More details will be available at a later date.



AMIGOS DAYS ARE COMING...

Amigos Days is a collective effort of multiple United Methodist churches to repair and repaint homes of elderly low-income Dallas citizens who are no longer able and cannot afford to maintain their homes. This will be the 14th year in which Lakewood has participated. This year Amigos Days will take place the weekends of April 4-5 and April 11-12. Please prayerfully consider supporting this very worthwhile project by volunteering to help with the house assigned to our group, or if you are unable to work at the house, we also need volunteers to provide food and prayers for the group. Sign-up sheets will soon be available in the narthex.

SAVE THE DATE

FUNDRAISER DINNER – MARCH 29

The Music Department has announced that their annual spring fundraiser dinner will take place on Saturday, March 29. Our resident chef, Alan Noel, will once again provide the food. There will also be entertainment and a dessert auction. Details regarding ticket price, time, etc. will be announced very shortly. Place this fun event on your calendar now!